

Community Safety Partnership Report

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Community Safety

Community Safety is about protecting people's rights to live in confidence without fear for their own or other people's safety ensuring that people are safe from crime, disorder and danger, and free from injury and harm and communities are socially cohesive and tolerant; are resilient and able to support individuals to take responsibility for their wellbeing

The Community Safety Partnership aims to improve community safety across Moray by identifying and addressing immediate concerns in order to protect the most vulnerable and at risk and be proactive to ensure that communities feel safe.

The CSP comprises of various Moray Council services, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Grampian, tsiMORAY and Registered Social Landlords.

The Community Safety Partnership would like to wish all readers a Happy and Safe New Year as we move into 2018

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Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour

Community Council Area (December 2017)	Abandoned Vehicle	Dog Fouling	Environmental	Neighbours	Noise	Other	Rowdy Behaviour	Grand Total
Elgin	1		1	6	4	1		13
Forres				3	3			6
Buckie & District	1				2		2	5
Lossiemouth	2			2				4
Lennox		1		1			1	3
Cullen & Deskford		1	1					2
Glenlivet		2						2
Keith		1		1				2
Portknockie		2						2
Findhorn & Kinloss		1						1
Innes					1			1
Speyside	1							1
Findochty		1						1
Grand Total	5	9	2	13	10	1	3	43

*Environmental includes Littering, Fly Tipping and Graffiti.

**Any Community Council not shown above has a nil return for the month

Community Warden Activity

Generally, dog fouling reports have increased with the darker nights as is the norm at this time of year.

Neighbour disputes whether through noise complaints or some other form of annoying behaviour continue to occupy our time to a considerable degree. Hopefully they will have peaked for the time being with the festive celebrations having concluded.

Abandoned vehicles are ever present and some discussion with colleagues across Scotland found that similar increases are being experienced elsewhere with the low scrap value of vehicles aligned with the stringent end of life process that has to be followed being common causal factors.

Some other highlights of the month are listed below.

<u>Elgin</u>

In Elgin city centre there has been repeat incidents of dog fouling over an extended period. Examination of the evidence suggested the same dog was responsible and an offender has ultimately been traced and issued with a fixed penalty notice.

The annual CSP Safer Streets operation was carried out over the festive weeks with Police leading. Early analysis indicates the operation was a success with disorder levels being very low in the city centre.

Police, Street Pastors, Taxi Marshall and the Banffshire Partnership all supported each other in keeping revellers safe on their nights out.

Lossiemouth

No reports received however dog fouling posters were installed and patrols undertaken along James Street, Dunbar Street and the Coulardhill area.

<u>Hopeman</u>

The continuation of youth annoyance in the area from early teenage children necessitated evening patrols and some engagement with them by CW Betts.

Burghead

Patrols were carried out in the village with regard to dog fouling.

Tomintoul

Dog fouling signage was installed in the village centre and enquiries are being made regarding a further complaint received at the end of the month.

Findochty

Enquiries in relation to fouling in the Cliff Street area failed to identify an owner or the dog concerned.

Portknockie

Dog fouling signage was installed in the Church Street area of Portknockie and some householders were spoken to in relation to dog fouling.

Findhorn

Dog fouling posters were placed in the beach road area.

<u>Keith</u>

A complaint regarding the activities of two feral dogs has been passed to the Animal Services Officers of Environmental Health due to suspicions they are pestering other non-canine animals.

Fochabers

Dog fouling signage was installed in the Castlehill Road area.

<u>Cullen</u>

Dog fouling signage was placed in the Smith Street area.

Graffiti was reported on the wall near the Doctor's Surgery and arrangements are in hand to have this cleaned.

Forres, Speyside and Glenlivet Area Policing Team

On 2 December, officers stopped a vehicle on High Street, Aberlour and a search of the vehicle uncovered 3 different types of illegal drugs. 31 and 24 year old local males were charged accordingly.

Sometime between 4 and 8 December, damage consistent with an attempt to break in, was caused to a rear garage door at an address in Adam Drive, Forres. No entry was gained and nothing was stolen.

Between 11 and 13 December a heartless thief stole a charity box for "STARS" from a shop in Forres.

Around 15 December heating oil was stolen from the storage tank of a house in Findhorn. This type of crime is more usually associated with rural locations and it is worth reminding people who have oil storage tanks to check them regularly, and to secure them as well as they can.

Between 17 and 18 December a white Barracuda make bicycle was stolen from a garden in Cisely Gardens, Forres.

Acting on information from the public, Forres officers were granted a warrant to search a property in Califer Road, Forres for illicit drugs. The warrant was executed on 20 December and as a result the 34 year old female occupant of the property was reported for obstructing officers and with being involved in the supplying of illegal drugs. This kind of police activity is only possible if we are able to take good quality information to a Sheriff to grant the warrant and to this end members of the community play an invaluable role. We are grateful for those that do assist us in this manner it and would encourage the reporting of any suspicious activity with the assurance that it is in confidence. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

Overnight 22/23 December a door was damaged at a property in Kininvie Court, Dufftown. This may have been an attempt to break in and our enquiry is continuing.

On 23 December, officers in Dufftown stopped a car being driven erratically. On speaking to the driver, they became suspicious and had grounds to search the vehicle for drugs resulting in the recovery of a small amount.

On 24 December a navy blue Sandro make ladies coat was stolen from a hotel premises in Craigellachie. If you have any information on this theft we would like to hear from you. It is unlikely the coat was taken by accident.

Between 23 and 26 December suspicious activity occurred at a self-service car wash in Greshop Industrial Estate, Forres when somebody unsuccessfully tried to remove the cash box.

If you can assist with any information relating the above incidents then please contact us via 101.

Elgin & Lossiemouth Area Policing Teams

Constable Jad Leach is the community beat constable for the Elgin area and accompanied by his colleagues ensured there was a large foot patrol presence carried out in Elgin city centre on the lead up to the festive season with retail crime in mind. These patrols were greatly received and they interacted well with festive shoppers.

On 2 December, officers from the Operational Support Unit and in particular drug detection dog assisted the local policing team at Elgin targeting drug misuse at licenced premises in the town centre. As a result of this operation several positive indications were obtained by the dog, indicating recent possession of drugs in particular cocaine. This operation has been run a number of times this year and has seen diminishing detections for drugs, which has been welcomed by Police and Licensees alike. This sort of operation is designed to act as a deterrent to others who may be tempted to become involved in the sale or supply of drugs in licenced premises in Elgin.

During December we also looked to address reports of anti-social behaviour in the town centre of Elgin. On 8th December the community unit ran an operation looking to tackle reports of youth activity around alcohol and drugs. During the operation, which also incorporated resources from Elgin DAVRU, they carried out stop searches on 10 individuals. On a positive note the stop searches were largely negative, although local intelligence was gained and will contribute towards similar operations in the future.

December has been a predictably busy time for officers from both community policing teams dealing with the influx of patrons to the many pubs and clubs in the area during the festive period. Assisted by Street Pastors with the safe space bus, first aiders and taxi marshals, festive policing teams have been mixing with revellers and ensuring everyone enjoys this time of year and gets home safely.

Police officers in Lossiemouth came across a drunk 22 year old male jumping on and damaging the bonnet of a parked vehicle during the early hours of 2 December. He was quickly apprehended and charged with the offence of vandalism and reported to the procurator fiscal.

Officers are investigating a hit and run that occurred outside Lhanbryde Post Office about 8pm on 13 December whereby a vehicle was damaged and the other driver drove away without reporting it. Luckily the offender was captured on CCTV and the police are following a positive line of enquiry.

During the early hours of 17 December, Ladbrokes Bookmaker in Lossiemouth was broken into and items stolen. Enquiries are ongoing into this crime with the assistance of the Criminal Investigation team stationed at Elgin.

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Buckie & Keith Area Policing Teams

During December, three drug search warrants were executed in Buckie with two resulting in seizures of both Cannabis and quantities of money. There were four positive drug stop searches in Buckie resulting in the seizure of Cannabis Resin, Cocaine and Ecstasy.

Two persons were charged with assaulting a Licensed Security staff member at Kiss Nightclub, Buckie.

Overnight on 2 December, two vehicles belonging to the same owner had tyres cut on Cliff Street, Findochty.

On 7 December, paint was thrown over the door of a house at East Carlton Terrace, Buckie.

Overnight on 22 December, a window at the Post Office on High Street, Buckie, was smashed. Enquiries continue in regards to the three incidents.

In Keith, overnight on 9 December, a car wing mirror was ripped off on Mid Street whilst two cars had windows smashed, one in Drum Road Keith on 23 December and the other on Balloch Road on 24 December.

Two males were issued with fixed penalties for urinating in a public places in Buckie town centre whilst one male was reported for urinating on Mid Street, Keith.

During the month there were two fuel related thefts with £200 of heating oil siphoned from a tank at a farm in the Rathven area and then £800 of diesel was siphoned from busses at Deveron Coaches, March Road, Buckie. Enquiries in both incidents are ongoing.

Tools were stolen from a container at Buckie Harbour and two pushbikes stolen from a garden at Carnie Place.

In Keith there was a theft of number plates at Viewfield and a report of a rabbit having been removed from a hutch at Quarryhill, Keith.

Shoplifting occurred at the Co-op in Buckie Buckie with Vodka stolen and in Keith three shopliftings occurred at Tesco's involving foodstuffs and alcohol.

During December in Buckie following complaints of persons parking on yellow lines a number of parking tickets were issued in the vicinity of the Carlton Bingo Hall.

Separately in Buckie three persons were caught driving with no insurance and had their vehicles seized as a result.

Two males were reported for driving whilst under the influence, one following a collision on the A98 near Cullen and the other was a male stopped on West Church Street, Buckie and another male was reported for stealing a car.

In Keith one male was reported for drink driving and there were two separate reports of failing to stop after an accident on Union Street and Balloch Road.

If you can assist with any information relating the above incidents then please contact us via 101.

POLICE STATION PUBLIC COUNTER OPENING HOURS

The following Police Stations have Public Counters and are open during the following hours.

BUCKIE	0700-1700	7 DAYS
ELGIN	0700- MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS
FORRES	0915-1715 0915-1445	MONDAY TO THURSDAY FRIDAY
KEITH	0815-1600	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
LOSSIEMOUTH	0900-1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
ROTHES	0900-1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY

NOTE – Stations may close for one hour at 12.30 daily or at short notice.

Telephone: 101 – Non Emergency 999 – Emergency

Website:www.scotland.police.ukTwitter:@policescotlandFacebook:facebook.com/police Scotland

Should you wish to remain anonymous you can always contact the registered charity Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Moray Council Help Desk:0300 1234566Community Safety Team Office:01343 563134

Online ASB Reporting at www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_103264.html